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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please amend the paragraph that begins at line 27 on page 9 and ends at line 3 on page 10 to read as follows:

a' The NCBI Basic Local Alignment Search Tool (BLAST) (Altschul *et al.*, 1990) is available from several sources, including the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI, Bethesda, MD) and on the Internet, for use in connection with the sequence analysis programs blastp, blastn, blastx, tblastn and tblastx.